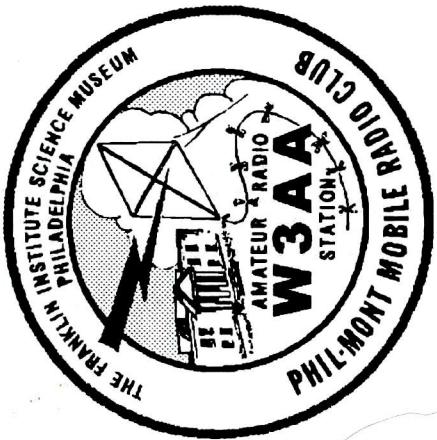


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CLUB INFORMATION

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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but outputs 91.5 Hz.)

Additional off-site receivers require the following subaudible tones:

Southampton 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz—Broomall 85.4 Hz

70cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKO) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I
 The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3AA OPERATORS' NET
THURSDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	"TWIN TOWERS" YOUTH NET

July

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

02 Ted Katz - N3OWM

Alice Popovic (XYL N3FVI)

04 Marion Blum (XYL N3AXJ)

Mike Wiacek - N3PDO

07 John Kreno - N3XKD*

09 Donna Rush (XYL WT3X)

10 Natalie Gordon - WB3KOH

11 Jeff Kerber - KE3UV

12 Grace Smith (XYL K3GBA)

14 Bill Clayton - K3HIE

Larry Clifford - W3UY

Mary Ann Conshick (XYL WB3ERB)

20 Irv Miller - K3KNH

23 Theresa Henderson (XYL KA3MHO)

Abel Pasicznyk - K3LYB*

24 Josh Feierman - N3NLR

Chris Kerber (XYL KE3UV)

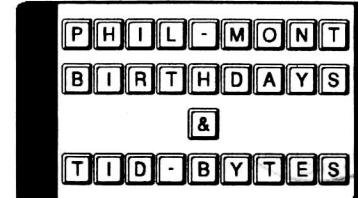
Peggy Snyder (XYL W2HSA)

25 Jinny Haring - W3IIN

29 Jim Larkin - KA2FFP

31 Steve Hoch - WU3I

*Indicates New Member 1996-97



Don Gordon
WB3KOJ

MEMBERSHIP STATS.

159 FULL

18 FAMILY

12 YOUTH

3 HONORARY

4 PENDING

196

Steffie Strikes
Again..It's
Summer
School For
KE3ZY

**HELP PHIL-MONT**

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?

Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...

Contact Mike Tannenbaum -K2BN, for details.

NEW CALLS

WN3PDB → K3CJ

N3XKW → KE3ZY

DX E-MAIL

Anyone looking to contact Geoff Mendleson (N3OWJ), who now lives in Isreal,
 may contact him via e-mail at geoffm@cs.huji.ac.il

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy

PACKET RACKET!

The Metro-Link PBBS has added a new phone number to the land-line side of the BBS. About 45 of the users live in Montgomery County, so Metro-Link has added 610-635-0486. This will make it a much more local call for those users that don't have metro calling to get down to the 610-497-5868 Linwood PA number. All passwords etc. will be the same on the new number. Of course, not wanting to omit the folks in N.J., the Metro-Link dial-up number is 609-453-8816. Phil-Monsters are most welcome to use the Metro-Link system, both over the air or local dial-up network.

What is packet good for these days? Well, it's like going to a hamfest without getting wet and cold. I really think that Packet has become the hamfest of the 90s. You can look for that old radio or parts, or even a new radio. You can clean out the shack, and free up some loot for that new radio, all by Packet radio.

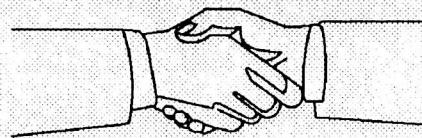
So yes, it's slower than the Internet, but one thing that has been proven over and over again is that you can sell, buy and swap ham gear a lot faster than Internet. Yes there are URLs to sell ham gear, but it is not nearly as widespread as Packet radio, with the amount of users looking to swap, buy or sell.

So what is it good for? There's one thing.

Happy keyboarding, 73 de Russ W3CH

On the mend

Wishing a speedy recovery to:
N3FTC

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

CALL:

KB2RHI

NAME:

Michael Fischbach

HANDLE:

Mike

CLASS:

Technician

ADDRESS:

214 S. Lincoln Street
Moorestown, NJ
08057

OCCUPATION:

Stationary Engineer

HOME PHONE:

609-482-2609

BUSINESS PHONE:

E-MAIL:

PACKET:

COMMITTEES: W3AA

CALL:

KA3SVT

NAME:

Tony Straka

HANDLE:

Tony

CLASS:

Technician Plus

ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 3178
Maple Glen, PA
19002

OCCUPATION:

Sales Representative

HOME PHONE:

215-542-6131

BUSINESS PHONE:

E-MAIL:

PACKET:

COMMITTEES: Archives

CALL:

N3YAQ

NAME:

Matthew Adair

HANDLE:

Matthew

CLASS:

Technician

ADDRESS:

1348 E. Columbia Avenue
Philadelphia, PA
19125

OCCUPATION:

Student

HOME PHONE:

215-634-4065

BUSINESS PHONE:

E-MAIL:

PACKET:

COMMITTEES: Youth

**The PREZ SEZ****Russ Stafford, W3CH**

Hello all, Well, here it is July already, and it's almost time for the PHIL-MONT club picnic! (8/23). See the flyer here in the *Blurb*. Make sure you fill it out, and get it back to Chris (N3WCO) A.S.A.P.!

At the June Directors' meeting we gave Jim (W3BBB) the OK to order two new Station Masters, one 2-meter and one 440. This is the first step in getting all the things together for the move to the city tower, up the street from where we are now. On the 'need list' is still about 600' of NEW $\frac{7}{8}$ " hard line, side arms, top brackets for the Station Masters, link receiver antenna, and lots of miscellaneous hardware. We are on our way to getting it all in one pile. Once we have everything in place, and tested, we will then move the two repeaters over to the new site, and remove everything from WFLN in a timely manner.

If you would like to donate to our repeater moving fund, please mail your check, made out to PMRC, with a note that this is for the repeater move fund, to Mike K2BN. His address is on the inside cover of this fine publication.

This is a very large undertaking and will cost the club around \$5,000 to do it right, so PHIL-MONSTERS, dig deep, and let's all pitch in what we can! Even \$20 from each of you will be of help, of course, more would be a lot better!

Inside this issue is a form for the largest 2-day bike tour on the East Coast. Last year more than 140 hams helped out. If you were not one of them, you will not want to miss

out this year! Sign up and help out! You can sign up for all day, both days, or one day, or we can work you in even for a few hours. If you would like to stay overnight, M.S. even picks-up the cost of your room. They will feed you both days, plus Ocean City is a lot of fun on Saturday evening when all the hams graze the boards.

If you are on the Youth committee we can really use your help. For the past 15 years, the youth have staffed the support vehicles, like ambulances, buses, repair trucks and staff cars. So yes, there is a lot for you young hams to do. As for the rest of us, there are 100 miles of route on day one, and 75 miles of route for day two. This all must be covered with check points. It is a very big event, with well over 3,000 riders. So please come out, give back to our hobby, and help with this very worthwhile cause in our community. There is nothing in the world better than having 3,000+ folks thanking you as they roll along the tour.

Have you thought about what you can do for Phil-Mont? Want to run for office? Want to make a difference? You CAN make a difference in a leadership roll with the club! This year we'll need folks to run the club. There is no age barrier—you just have to be a member of PMRC for more than one year, and have a Ham ticket. So give some thought to running this fall for one of the leadership offices with the club. Of course, elections are in December, but it's time to start thinking about it.

As there will be no General Meetings
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UPCOMING

July No General Meeting

July 2 Directors' Meeting at W3CH & N3WCO's

June 3 License Examinations at The Franklin Institute
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**August No General Meeting**

Aug 6 Directors' Meeting at W3BBB's

Aug 7 License Examinations at The Franklin Institute

## AUGUST 23—PMRC Picnic

### Future Programs

Sept "The SPRINT PCS (Personal Communication Services) Network"

Nov Ol' Timer's Night with Derrick Pitts, KA3NQN, The Franklin Institute's Chief Astronomer.

# HAMFESTS

July 13 KIMBERTON, PA  
MARC's "Valley Forge Hamfest"

July 27 TIMONIUM, MD  
BRATS

Aug 16-17 YORK, PA  
York Hamfest

Aug 24 MULLICA HILL, NJ  
Gloucester Co. ARC

Sep 14 TRENTON, NJ  
Delaware Valley RA

Sep 20 MT. HOLLY, NJ  
South Jersey RA

Oct 19 NEWTOWN, PA  
Penn Wireless Assn.

## V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1997 test fee is \$6.25; there is no charge for a Novice test.

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**  
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q  
215- 879-0505 day, 215- 448-1139 24-hours
- **BELLMAWR, NJ**  
Diane Nafis  
609-227-6281
- **BRISTOL**  
George LeNoir  
215-943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA**—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)  
Russ Stafford, W3CH  
610-497-4590
- **NORRISTOWN**  
Raymond Patton  
610-279-1897
- **TELFORD**  
Joseph Burgess  
215-723-6697
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**  
Jeff DePolo  
215- 898-8538 shack, 215-337-7383 home
- **WARMINSTER**  
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ  
(215) 343-3494
- **WILMINGTON**  
Giselle Walls  
302-478-2757



### PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, AA3EP 610-323-1050

aa3ep@aol.com

Russ Stafford, russ@hdj.com

Sept 27-28 .. M.S. 150 City to Shore Bike Tour

## New TV Standard Doesn't Compute

Joe Chuk., W3JD

Digital Television (DTV) was finally standardized last December. At least, everyone thought it was standardized. The FCC has already released a list of assignments for a second channel for each television station to begin DTV transmissions. There's a timetable for DTV rollout that requires network stations in the top ten markets (that includes ours, Philadelphia) to begin digital broadcasts by May 1, 1999, with the next 20 markets to follow by November 1, 1999.

The direction seems pretty clear for the broadcast industry. That's not the case, though, with the computer folks. To many of them, the picture format "standard" that is part of the Grand Alliance system the broadcasters are tooling up for, is anything but one. Compaq, Microsoft and Intel have agreed to cooperate in marketing digital television receivers that make use of *progressive scanning*, rather than the *interlaced scanning* that is still allowed for in the Grand Alliance system.

The PC industry plans to market three kinds of digital television receivers: The first is a standard PC, which, for about \$100 can be converted to a digital television set. These are expected to go on sale in 1998. The drawback to this option is the relatively small size of the screen.

The second type will be a big-screen video display device with an internal PC. The Compaq/Microsoft/Intel alliance calls this "PC Theater," a combination of entertainment-style television and interactive computing.

What is expected to be the most popular product constitutes the third option, a basic TV/PC appliance. This won't have a keyboard or peripherals or a hard disk to

store files. It will be used with a remote control like today's TV sets, and will be priced around \$500. Unlike today's computer products, it will be software upgradable.

The computer companies' recipe for success is to beat to market, with the new receivers, the consumer electronics manufacturers (who are aligned with the broadcast industry). They plan to have 20 to 50 million PCs capable of decoding DTV in homes by 2005, which is one year before broadcasters will be turning-off their analog transmitters. Public estimates of the consumer electronics industry place set sales at about one million by 2005.

The computer industry's stance creates a problem for broadcasters who choose to send out digital pictures in an interlaced format. Such transmissions simply will not be decoded by the progressive-scan receivers.

The battle lines have been drawn. In not determining a picture format with the transmission and compression standards they approved, the FCC left it up to the marketplace to choose what picture format will prevail. The FCC took a similar hands-off approach to a standard for stereo AM radio, with disastrous results: The wait for market consensus was so long that there is little left of a market for AM radio itself.

Since the transition to digital television, broadcasting has been mandated by the FCC, however, the cases are not parallel. There will, in fact, be a picture standard of some sort. We just have to wait to see whether the computer industry can make good on its promise to flood the market with inexpensive DTV-capable receivers. Doing so will certainly spell victory for them, leaving the broadcasters with little choice but to sent-out compatible signals—making progressive scanning the de facto standard. ☐  
DELARC

# GOODIES

|                                                                          |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 286 computer with VGA monitor, 40 meg HD, 1 meg ram .....                | \$125 |
| Icom 27A, 2-meter mobil rig 25 Watt .....                                | 125   |
| Sears 9-pin printer w/serial and parallel ports, w/7 spare ribbons ..... | 75    |
| MFJ Watt and SWR meter, cross needle type .....                          | 25    |
| 7 Amp, 13.8 Volt power supply .....                                      | 25    |
| Accu-Memory keyer, built from the handbook, 4 memories .....             | 35    |
| Ringo Ranger ARX-2, 9 feet tall .....                                    | 25    |

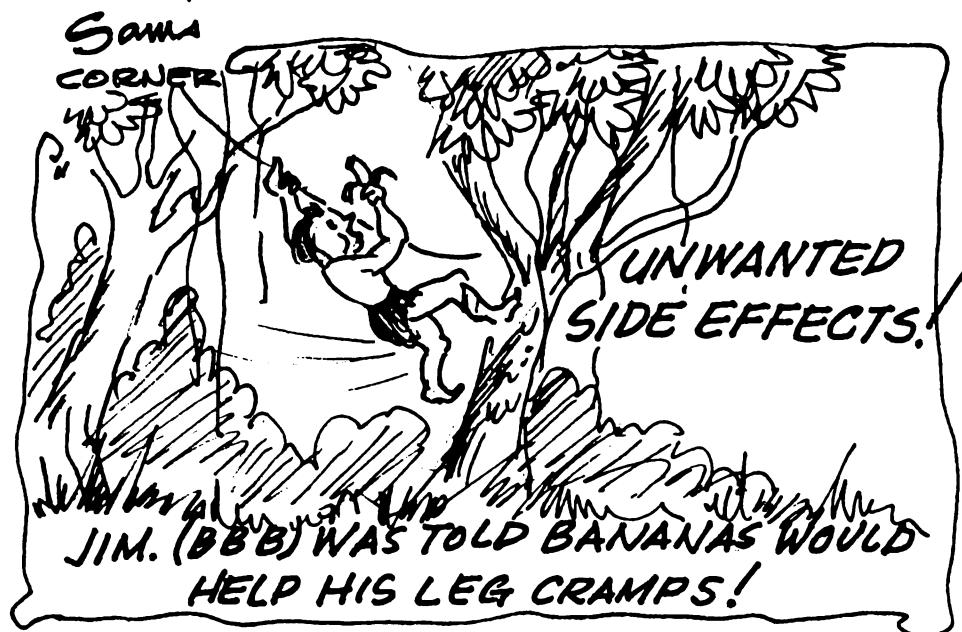
Contact Wally, W3UK k3jj@juno.com

## For the benefit of your club

3½" 1.4 mb computer diskettes. These are top-grade surplus diskettes which need only to be formatted and relabeled. Minimum quantity 100 wrapped in plastic, for \$10. Buy a case of 500 for only \$40. That's only 8¢ each!

Proceeds go to the general treasury to help defray the cost of the upcoming picnic, to help with the expenses of the planned repeater relocation, and to continue to maintain in first-class condition W3AA, our demonstration station in The Franklin Institute Science Museum.

Contact Gene, N3XKE at 215-482-7008      Make checks to PMRC.



# MINUTES

## JUNE DIRECTORS' MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



The June Directors' meeting was opened at 8:14:30 pm [ 'DHI time] by Russ (W3CH) at the home of Charlie (AA3EP). The following committees reported.

**SECRETARY** - Carol (N3PVO) reported for Chris (N3WCO), on plans for the upcoming picnic. We are hoping to hold the picnic in August. The cost would be about \$10 per person, which would include food and drink, swimming, golf [*additional charged*] and other activities. The sale of raffle tickets would supplement the additional costs per person. We must have an exact head count to determine the exact cost per person. Info and the exact date will be in the July *Blurb*; an RSVP will be required to attend.

**TREASURER** - Mike (K2BN) reported that all money received this month was from the sale of raffle tickets and the sale of disks. Year-to-date we are ahead of budget by \$1000. Refreshments are running a little ahead of budget, with the *Blurb* running under budget. Receipts totaled \$524.50, with \$204.39 in disbursements, with a net change in funds of \$320.11.

**FIELD DAY** - Rick (N3DHI) reported a need for a tent for the 15-meter position. The committee will meet the week before Field Day to finalize times.

**REPEATER** - Jim (W3BBB) reported that the agreement with the City for tower space had been finalized. A discussion started on the cost of the move and how to raise the money. It was agreed that Jim (W3BBB) would get the price of the antennas and possibly go ahead and make the purchase with available funds. Jim would also take

care of the letter for coordination. Rick (N3DHI) would get the cost of a tower climb. Both will report-back at the next Directors' meeting, so plans can be made for raising the required money. Also an approximate date would be set for the move.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Jack (W3IIM) reported membership certificates were now up-to-date and would be sent out. Russ (W3CH) reported that we had three applicants to vote on for membership. The applicants were Abel Pasicznyk (K3YLB), Anthony Adams (N3YRU), and Eric Marano (N3YXZ). A motion was made and approved to accept the applicants into membership. Welcome to all.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Jack (W3IIM) asked about the status of the club gaining 501(C)(3) status. Mike (K2BN) reported he was still working on it.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Jack (W3IIM) brought up the subject of running the tail messages on the repeater on the day of meetings and nets, to remind everyone. Jim (W3BBB) agreed to setup the messages on the scheduler. Also discussed was the future of the code practice net, and ideas for a new approach to gain interest and help to those who wish to upgrade. One idea which was mentioned and agreed on was giving out certificates for code proficiency. Bill (WA3NSP), whose idea this was, will take on this responsibility.

With no more business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9:55 pm by Russ (W3CH). Special thanks to Charlie (AA3EP), Charlie's daughter Jenny and all 19 cats for hosting the meeting. ☺

**MINUTES***Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary*

**T**he 568th General Meeting was called to order at 7:44:27 pm [*'DHI time*] by Russ (W3CH). A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes from last month. The following committees reported.

**TREASURER** - Mike (K2BN) reported that last month we took in a little over \$500 and we spent about \$320. So year-to-date we are up about \$3000, which is a little bit better than in the budget thanks to the sale of 1.44 disks and the raffle.

**EMERGENCY COORDINATION** - Gene (N3XKE) reported that as far as the City goes nothing much has really happened. Sky Warn training sessions will be held at the Naval Aviation Center at Robbins and Tabor, July 2 at 7:00 pm.

**FIELD DAY** - Dick (W3RM) reported that the main thing still needed is more operators to keep all 6 stations running for 24 hours. As far as equipment, we have everything needed to run 160 meters through UHF-VHF. Hopefully scores will be better than in previous years.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Stefanie (KE3ZY) reported that (as of June 11th) since January we have had 22 new members with 2 applicants pending. Welcome to our newest members Abel Pasicznyk (K3YLB), Anthony Adams (N3YRU), and Eric Marano (N3YXZ).

**NET CONTROL** - Ed (KB3IV) reported that all nets, other than the Code Practice Net, run throughout the summer. Help is still needed for the Code Practice Net when it returns in September. Contact Ed if you can help.

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING**

**PROGRAMS** - Bill (W3GQD) reported one meeting still pending. Thanks to all who gave their input.

**REPEATER** - Jim (W3BBB) reported that we have a signed agreement with the City for tower space.

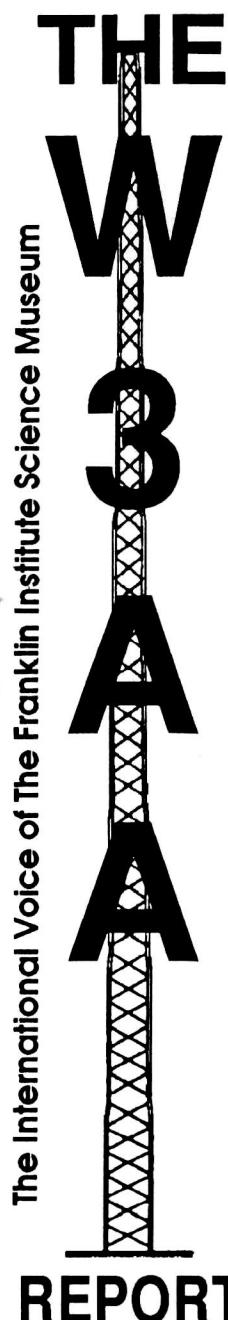
**SPECIAL EVENTS** - Charlie (AA3EP) reported that applications are available for those who want to help with the MS-150 Bikeathon. Also, you can have your call or company name on the tee-shirts for a charge. This helps offset the cost of the tee-shirts. Contact Charlie (AA3EP) or Russ (W3CH) if you can help.

**SUNSHINE** - Steve (WU3I) reported that he has sent cards to Joe (NU3Y), Len (WB3JUA), Joanne (N3FTC) and Charlie (N3OOV), all on the mend. Contact Steve if you know of a club member or family member who is in need of some sunshine.

**VE TESTING** - Jeff (KE3UV) reported that 18 people came for testing at the Franklin Institute, with a 53% passing rate, producing 8 new licensees. Russ (W3CH) reported on testing at Eagleville. Eric (N3YXZ) upgraded to General, and Stefanie (N3XKW) upgraded to Advanced.

**W3AA** - Steve (WU3I) mentioned a new notice that has been posted at the station. The Franklin Institute is asking those who volunteer to call 215-448-1163 if you are unable to make your scheduled time. Also, if you have time available to be a substitute for those unable to showup, contact Steve so a list can be made available.

**WELCOME** - Mike (N3PDO) recognized 37 members and 2 visitors present.



**T**here has been a request (command) from the Volunteer Office about notification when you are not able to make your scheduled time. Please contact them at 448-1163 to let them know that you won't be in as scheduled. If you are able to contact another volunteer to take your place, or switch days with another volunteer, please do so. There is a list of standby operators in the Volunteer Office. Twenty-four hours notice is required. If you can serve as a standby volunteer, please let me, or the volunteer office, know to be put on the list. This request is a standard for all the volunteers of the museum, not just the radio station.

The Museum is in the planning/talking stages of a major redo that would make offices on the entire fourth floor, and would relocate W3AA to the third floor, on the opposite side of the building. To insure that we're included in their future plans, it is imperative that the station be manned during all museum hours!

I will not be at the station on a regular basis again until September. If you have a message, or need to contact me, please call me at home at 215-535-8061, or on the repeater, or e-mail at shoch@comcat.com.

Have a good summer, and visit the station when you can.

—Steve Hoch, WU3I

Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>

**NOTICE**

Everyone is cordially invited everyone to attend a free Skywarn class at the Naval Defense Depot, Tabor Avenue and Robbins Street. The meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, July 2, from 7 pm to 10 pm, in the lunchroom, which is right off of the main gate. Bill Miketta of NOAA Weather from Mt. Holly station will be there to certify anyone who wishes to be on Skywarn.

Even if you don't want to be certified on Skywarn, please come out to learn how to distinguish the different weather fronts, and spend an interesting and educational evening.

*Arthur Weiner, N3LCV Philadelphia Skywarn Coordinator.* ☺

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for July and August, keep in mind that there will still be Directors' Meetings. If you have something to bring up, you may come to the Directors' Meeting, or contact one of the officers to bring up your needs/concerns at the meeting.

Just a note. As I'm always up in Egleville, I've asked Don (WB3KOJ) to change all my info in the directory, and Jack (W3IIM) to change it in the *Blurb* to reflect easier ways to contact me.

In closing, I would just like to say "have a safe summer, and we hope to see you all at the picnic next month!" ☺

## Revised for the "Politically Correct"



## 146<sup>TH</sup> MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS JUNE

18 candidates took 36 elements  
7 new amateurs plus 2 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Sam Lewis, N3GPQ; George Graf, N3JDM; Jim McCloskey, KE3OP; Michael Cirillo, AA3OQ; Jeff Al Tribble, W3STW; Wally Newell, W3UK; Jeff Kerber, KE3UV; Bob Freer, W3YLT; Gene Gadlin, K3YW

AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMS HELD ON THE FIRST  
NON-HOLIDAY THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Registration begins at 6:00 PM

Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

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Accessible by the handicapped.



**SOCIAL** - Russ (W3CH) reported that the date for the club picnic will be August 23rd; rain date August 30th.

**YOUTH** - Ed (KB3SVG) reported that the Youth Group seems to be getting organized. Stefanie (KE3ZY) said that the Youth Net is going well with 22 check-ins on May 29th and 17 check-ins on June 5th. Thanks to Eric (N3YXZ) who has been doing a great job as net control. We are still looking for more youth to check-in. The net is every Thursday at 8 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Steve (WU3I) mentioned that he is willing to provide food for those attending Field Day. Preregistration is required, and you will be expected to share in the expenses. Contact Steve if interested.

**RAFFLE** - The Raffle drawing was held for the Yaesu FT-50 2 meter/440 hand held, and the winner was Bill Popovic (N3FVI).

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed by Russ (W3CH) at 8:26:14 pm, and turned over to Bill (W3GQD) who introduced us to our program speaker, our Repeater Meister, Jim Spencer (W3BBB).

See you all at our next General Meeting on September 10th. ☺

The reason most people play golf is to wear clothes they would not be caught dead in otherwise.

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| SUNDAY                                                                                       | MONDAY    | TUESDAY                                                                       | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                                                                                                     | SATURDAY                                                           |
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|             |           | <b>1</b><br>CODE PRACTICE<br>On Summer<br>Vacation<br><i>Returns Sept. 16</i> | <b>2</b><br>DIRECTORS'<br>MEETING at<br>W3CH & N3WCO's                                                                    | <b>3</b><br>LICENSE EXAMS<br>at<br><b>The Franklin Institute</b><br>Registration begins at 6:00<br>Doors close at 6:30 p.m. <i>sharp!</i><br>YOUTH NET @ 8 PM | <b>4</b><br><br><i>Independence Day</i> | <b>5</b>                                                           |
| <b>6</b><br>2M NCS WB3KOJ<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS W3PWG                                  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                                                      | <b>9</b><br>GENERAL MEETING<br>at<br><b>The Franklin Institute</b><br>Refreshments at 7:00P.M.<br>Meeting starts at 7:30. | <b>10</b><br>YOUTH NET<br>at 8 PM                                                                                                                             | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>12</b>                                                          |
| <b>13</b><br>2M NCS KB3IV<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS W3STW<br><i>"Valley Forge" Hamfest</i> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                                                     | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>17</b><br>YOUTH NET<br>at 8 PM                                                                                                                             | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>19</b>                                                          |
| <b>20</b> ○<br>2M NCS N3FTY<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS N3JDM                                | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                                                     | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>24</b><br>YOUTH NET<br>at 8 PM                                                                                                                             | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>26</b>                                                          |
| <b>27</b><br>2M NCS WA3NSP<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS KB3IV<br><i>BRATS Hamfest</i>         | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>                                                                     | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>31</b><br>YOUTH NET<br>at 8 PM                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                            | <i>Forgive your<br/>enemies, but never<br/>forget their names.</i> |